

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting on July 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chair Bill Neilson, Vice-Chair R. Plowright, Members Jessica Plowright, Lynn Hodgson, Doug Read, and Darren White via telephone also present was Becky Cunningham, Parks and Recreation Board Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Neilson shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Amended Agenda

Additions

None

Deletions

None

Approval of Agenda

Moved by R Plowright, Seconded by J. Plowright that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Hodgson, Seconded by Read that the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting held on June 15, 2026, be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict of interest were made.

General Business

At this time Vice-Chair Plowright added the following items to the agenda:

1) Additions

1. Gate at Horning's Mills Community Park

Vice-Chair Plowright advised the Board that she had met with the Public Works Superintendent to discuss installing a larger gate at Horning's Mills Community Park to provide better access for Public Works and future events. The Public Works Superintendent advised that the approximate cost for the work would be \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00. Based on this information, Vice-Chair Plowright made the following motion:

Moved by R. Plowright, Seconded by Read, that a new entrance be installed at Horning's Mills Community Park, to a maximum cost of \$3,000.00, to be paid from the Parks and Recreation Bank Account. Carried

2. Grants

Vice-Chair Plowright requested the Treasurer check if any information had been released regarding the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF).

2) Unfinished Business

1. Horning's Mills Park

i. Multi-Use Pad

No update given.

ii. Sign

The Board discussed the 2 options provided by Dunwood Signs. Direction was given to staff to request a revised option combining both options.

2. Corbetton Park Slide

i. Shade Covers/Sails

It was recommended that the Board reach out to the Town of Shelburne to find out the cost of the shade sails they installed at their new park.

ii. Community Message Board

Member White advised that the project was half completed.

iii. Little Libraries for Corbetton Park & Horning's Mills Hall

This item was deferred.

3. Melancthon Day

i. Post Event Discussion

The event went well, good organization. Discussed added ball tournament or games next year as well as vendors and dunk tank.

ii. Financials

The Board received the financials as information.

4. Touch a Truck Event – August 8th, 2026

The Board discussed plans for the upcoming Touch a Truck event, including event logistics, volunteer responsibilities, and the equipment list. Township staff were directed to prepare and circulate a list of responsibilities and event participants, to be updated as information becomes available.

5. Fitness Day Corbetton Park/Rail Trail

The Board discussed the format of the event, and the date was confirmed for September 26, 2026.

3) Brainstorming

1. Annual Events

The Board discussed doing three events annually.

Recommendation to Council

None.

Public Question Period

None.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by R.Plowright, Seconded by Read that all actions of the Members and Officers of the Parks and Recreation Board with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board Members at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. Carried.

Adjournment

8:12 p.m. - Moved by Read, Seconded by Hodgson that we adjourn this Parks and Recreation Board meeting to meet again on August 31, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY